



A NEWSLETTER ABOUT DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – PUBLISHED BY THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG



CSO Construction work in full swing at the intersection of 9th and Commerce Streets.

New Publication Informs Downtown Business Community of Construction Projects

The *Excuse Our Mess* newsletter, published quarterly by the City of Lynchburg's department of Communications and Marketing, will provide construction information to the downtown business community.

Along with a hard copy of this publication, an e-mail version is available to those on the Lynch's Landing e-mail list. A copy of this newsletter will also be posted on the City of Lynchburg's web site, www.lynchburgva.gov.

Included in this issue are several updates regarding downtown construction projects. In some cases, detours and parking interruptions may inconvenience either pedestrian or vehicle traffic. We apologize for the temporary inconveniences these projects may pose.

Thirteen Projects either in Design or Construction Phase

Thirteen downtown construction projects are either in the design or construction phase. Each downtown project is being coordinated through the City of Lynchburg's engineering department. Charles Grant, Contract Coordinator for the City, holds monthly coordination meetings with all parties in order to keep the City, contractors, and citizens better informed of the projects. The current listing of projects is:

1. Lynchburg 9th Street Phase I Project
2. AEP UG Duct Relocation
3. Verizon UG Cable Relocation
4. CSO – Commerce Street to Church Street
5. Human Services Renovation
6. Riverviews Artspace Renovation
7. Monument Terrace Steps Renovation
8. Lynchburg 9th St. Phase II Project
9. Old Court House Renovation
10. Academy of Music Renovation
11. Federal Courthouse Renovation
12. Bluff Walk
13. Lynchburg Housing Authority Renovation

PROJECT UPDATES:

Human Services Building Renovation

The adaptive reuse of the J.W. Ould building, (soon to be the new home of Lynchburg's Human Services), is on budget and on schedule. Construction is expected to be substantially complete by the first week of April. Over 170 Human Services employees will move into the newly renovated building shortly thereafter.

Riverviews Artspace Renovation

Parking adjacent to the Riverviews Artspace building is not available at this time due to contractors' vehicles and cranes. Parking is available further down Jefferson Street.

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Monument Terrace Renovation

This project will go to bid in March and is expected to be awarded in April. Due to the nature of this type of construction and concern for public safety, the Monument Terrace steps will be closed completely during construction.

All pedestrian traffic crossing between Church and Court Streets will be detoured to the public elevator, the steps along 10th Street, and the steps along 8th Street. In addition, the GLTC trolley runs a daily schedule downtown and is free of charge.

The parking lanes and sidewalks along Church and Court Streets that border the steps will also be closed during the construction period. On occasion, one lane of Church Street and one lane of Court Street will be closed during this time period.

Old Court House Museum Renovation

The Court House Museum has been vacated to allow for structural repairs to the interior. In addition, the surrounding sidewalks will be removed in order to waterproof the building. Court Street may be blocked temporarily during the reinstallation of the cupola.

Exhibits from the Court House Museum can be viewed at their temporary location in the Bragassa Toy Store on 12th Street. Museum administrative offices are currently at the Lynchburg Small Business Development Center. They can be reached at 847-1459.

Lynchburg 9th Street Phase 1 "A" & "B"

Construction of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project In Phase "A" is expected to continue in the intersection of 9th and Commerce Streets until the end of March. This project entails the separation of the stormwater from the sewer system.

Phase "B" of this project was recently awarded to J.E. Jamerson & Sons. This project includes replacement of the sidewalk and the 9th Street pavement between Jefferson and Commerce Streets. Granite benches, historic style street lights, and trees will be included. This phase is expected to be complete in April or May.

Lynchburg Housing Authority Renovation

The Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority will relocate to the lower three floors of the old Lynchburg Jobbing House building at 918 Commerce Street in early April. In addition, BCWH Architects, formerly known as Fauber Architects, will be occupying the 6th floor. Renovations are currently underway. In addition to housing BCWH, two floors are still available for rent from the Housing Authority.

Traffic Detour and Routing Plan Being Developed

Lynchburg's engineering department has contracted with Fitzgerald and Halliday, Inc. to develop a traffic detour and routing plan for the downtown area. This plan will incorporate the various construction projects, which will help determine the safest and most efficient routes for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. All future bid packages for any project in the downtown area will include provisions to comply with this plan.

You're Invited!

On Tuesday, March 18, you will have an opportunity to meet with the City of Lynchburg, construction contractors, and design engineers to discuss downtown construction projects. This will give you a chance to meet the people behind the scenes downtown and find out the what, when, where, and why about these projects.

The meeting will be hosted by Lynch's Landing at 5:30 p.m. on the 8th floor of the Wachovia Bank Building. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Terri Proffitt of Lynch's Landing at 528-3950.

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